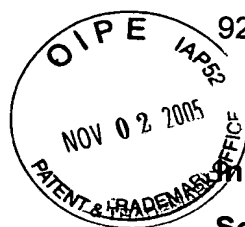


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Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir :

In response to the Office Action mailed June 29, 2005, it is requested that the application be amended as follows: